

University of Manitoba  
Department of Sociology

**077:379 Women, Crime and Social Justice**  
LO2 Term 2: January 3 – April 6, 2006 3 cr. hrs.  
(Tues/Thurs: 1:00-2:15 p.m. in Room 301 Tier)

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**Objectives of the course:**

This course provides a focused analysis of women, crime and social justice. Drawing on feminist scholarship in the field, the course examines gender differences in crime, including the ways in which 'ideas' about gender appropriate deviance shape the social response to rule-breaking. Specific attention will be paid to crime perpetrated against women and the histories/experiences of abuse among women offenders. This provides for an analysis of the experience and treatment of women in the criminal justice system as well as the new directions that feminist theory, research and practice suggests are more fruitful in understanding women, crime and social justice.

**Required texts:**

Hannah-Moffat, K. and M. Shaw. An Ideal Prison: Critical Essays on Women's Imprisonment in Canada. Fernwood: Halifax: 2000.

Comack, E. Women in Trouble. Fernwood, Halifax: 1996.

**Course requirements:**

The final grade for the course will be based on three (3) equally weighted requirements:

- 1) In-class test (1/3 of final grade): Thursday, February 9/06
- 2) Take home assignment (1/3 of final grade): due Thursday, March 23/06
- 3) Take home exam (1/3 of final grade): due April 13/05 by 4:30 pm.

Study questions for the in-class test and take home exam will be distributed in advance. The take home assignment will be detailed in a separate handout. **Late submissions will be penalized 5 points per day including weekends.**

\*The course requirements will be based on the readings, lectures and class discussions. Students are expected to attend class and to complete the readings in advance of the lectures so that any problems, concerns or issues can be raised for discussion in class. Participation in class discussion is both welcomed and encouraged.

**Students should familiarize themselves with the regulations regarding academic integrity, as plagiarism and cheating will not be tolerated. Please familiarize yourself with the policies in Section 7 on page 27-28 of the University of Manitoba Undergraduate Calendar 2005-06.**

The voluntary withdrawal date for second term half courses is **Friday, March 17, 2006.**

**Grade distribution:**

A+ 90-100	B+ 75-84	C+ 65-69	D 50-59
A 85-89	B 70-74	C 60-64	F <50

**Class Schedule:**

This is a tentative class schedule and may be modified as we proceed. Our progress through the course materials will be monitored to determine whether any changes are appropriate.

**January 3:** Introduction and overview of the course

**January 11 – February 7:**

The first section of the course examines preliminary considerations that are critical to the study of women, crime and social justice. This will include an examination of mainstream criminology, the study of female offenders, crimes perpetrated against women as well as the relationship between female offending and histories of abuse,

Readings: Comack, E. Women in Trouble.

**Thursday, February 11: In-class test (1/3 of final grade)**

**February 13–17 Mid-term break: no classes**

**February 21 – April 6:**

The second section of the course engages a focused analysis of the experiences of women in the criminal justice system with a specific focus on women in prison. The last part of the course addresses the implications of these considerations with a view to new directions in feminist theory, research and practice.

Readings: Hannah-Moffat and Shaw. An Ideal Prison.

**Thursday, March 23: Take home assignment (1/3 final grade): due in class**

**Thursday, April 13: Take home Exam (1/3 of final grade): due by 4:30 p.m. at Sociology department/my office.**